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Federal Communications Commission
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Dear FCC:

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I am writing to express my fervent support for maintaining a permanent prohibition on the use of cell phones on all airlines, foreign and domestic, that serve U.S. airports.

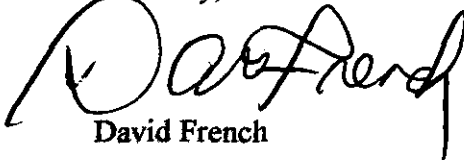
As a frequent customer of domestic and international airlines, I relish the relative peace and quiet that flying affords and want to add my voice to the debate on the permanent ban on cell phone use on all airlines that serve the flying public. Aside from the known – or potential – hazards to the safe operations of planes, I simply do not wish to be subjected to other peoples' personal or business conversations in any public place, most particularly in one as confining as an aircraft.

In my opinion, cell phone usage has pervaded the public domain to such a degree as to constitute a major public nuisance, as well as in the case of drivers, a safety hazard for operators of all vehicles on the road. I realize that using a cell phone while driving is not under the purview of the FCC, but as a partner with the states in effecting laws and regulations that shape public safety standards, I believe the FCC has an obligation to do all it can to ensure that those standards meet the highest tests for the welfare of all.

I would also strongly support a ban on cell phone usage on all public carriers (trains, buses, etc.) so as to help maintain the highest possible level of peace and tranquility while traveling.

I appreciate your consideration of my views and look forward to the announcement soon of a permanent cell phone ban on airlines.

Sincerely,


David French

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